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Robert Graham McNAMARA

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INDUCTED IN 2011

Graham used his engineering skills initially in Main Roads. He combined these skills with his entrepreneurial and administrative abilities to form the partnership Cameron and McNamara, opening up much of regional Queensland.

A total of over 1600 kilometres of urban and rural roads, together with bridge structures, in special and difficult conditions were designed and constructed.

He specialised in rural road works using low quality materials to produce an economic and usable road.

From 1960-1990 he was engaged on developmental works in marine environments, particularly estates from Labrador to Sanctuary

Cove, including Runaway Bay, Shearwater, Paradise Point and early Sanctuary Cove. He developed the more economic technique of excavating the canals in the dry and not using costly dredgers.

This success expanded across many areas of engineering, including marine foreshore and marina developments and his reputation extended in international consulting in Asia – particularly

in the design and construction of infrastructure using low cost materials.

He was active in community committees and a lecturer at tertiary level, and his ready advice and ability as a great mentor were acknowledged by many younger engineers.

He was admitted as a Local Government Engineer in 1959, to the Institute of Arbitrators from 1977 -1993, as an ACEA member in 1968 and RPEQ in 1959.

He served on several Division Committees from 1987 to 1990, lectured in contract law at UQ and supervised in the Drawing Office 1960-1962.

He also was a Lecturer in DipEng at Central Technical College (fore-runner of QIT/QUT).

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